

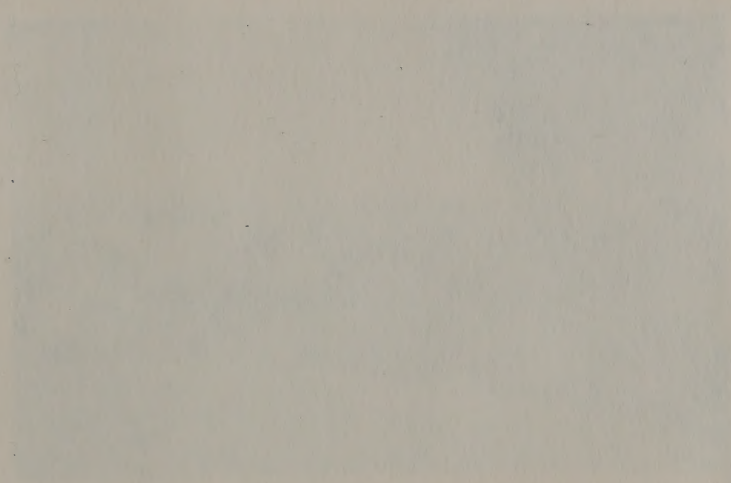






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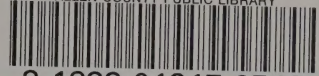
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TOWN OF BENTON  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1962



Annual Report  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
Tax Collector, Treasurer  
AND  
Superintendent of Schools  
OF THE  
Town of Benton

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 10,

1962

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## *Town Government 1961 - 1962*

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Town Clerk, Mrs. Dorothy Hunter ..... GL 3-7447

Selectmen, Assesors and Overseers of Poor

Charles C. Kent, Jr., *Chairman* ..... GL 3-7759

Samuel Hunter ..... GL 3-7447

Harold E. Libby ..... HA 6-3391

Road Commisioner, Maurice M. Rowe ..... GL 3-6031

Deputy Sheriff, Samuel Hunter ..... GL 3-7447

Tax Collector and Treasurer, Chester E. Basford GL 3-6893

School Committee

Samuel Hunter, *1 yr., Chr.* ..... GL 3-7447

Nancy Fitton, *2 yrs.* ..... GL 3-6719

Stephen Beauregard, *3yrs.,* ..... GL 3-6994

Superintendent of Schools, Orville J. Guptill Jr. GL 3-7515

Fire Warden, Samuel Hunter ..... GL 3-7447

Health Officer, Truant Officer, C. Frank Stewart GL 3-6898

Constables

Omah Lord ..... GL 6787

Sherwin Colson ..... 453-6572



## Fence Viewers

Vinal Alexander .....	GL 3-9902
Friend Page .....	
Ivan Richards .....	GL 3-9927

## Cemetery Committee

Helen Alexander, 1 yr. ....	GL 316136
Osborne Ellis, 2 yrs. ....	GL 3-2209
Percy Bull, 3 yrs. ....	GL 3-6603
Henry Martin, 4 yrs., Chr. ....	GL 3-9912
Kelsey Robinson, 5 yrs. ....	GL 3-6756

## Budget Committee:

Clayton Alexander	Harold Libby
Chester Basford	Lawrence Libby
Stephen Beauregard	Lindley Littlefield
Arthur Brown	Henry Martin
Sherwin Colson	Parker Pillsbury
John Faas	David Richards
Merle Fitzpatrick	Kelsey Robinson
Glenn Fitzpatrick	Ivan Roy
Horace Goodwin	James Shores
Samuel Hunter	Cecil Strickland
Robert Larracey	Edgar Wyman
Charles Kent, Jr.	

## *Treasurer's Report*

For the year ending February 10, 1962

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Cash on hand February 11, 1961	\$ 12,070.72
Holyoke Mutual Fire Ins. Co. — Refund	84.97
Alphonse Cary — School Supplies	5.00
Town of Clinton — Poor account	334.20
City of Waterville — Poor account	188.70
Town of Fairfield — Poor account	50.31
Payments received — Reimbursements	35.00
Ladd Paper Company — Refund	14.00
Camille Poulin — Junk yard application	6.00
George Doyle, Jr. — Junk yard application	6.00
Gardner W. Boyce — Cemetery trust fund	200.00
Federal Trust Co. — Smiley-Lunt Fund	45.00
Cemetery Trust Funds — Interest withdrawn	225.50
Teachers Withholding Taxes	3,744.30
Federal Trust Co. — Temporary tax loans	25,000.00
Tax Lien Discharges and Cost	40.78
Interest Collected — Past due taxes	134.64
1957 Tax Liens Paid	26.79
1958 Tax Liens Paid	26.79
1959 Tax Liens Paid	113.50
1960 Tax Liens Paid	102.81
State of Maine — All accounts	40,816.54
Chester E. Basford — Tax Collections	72,777.94
Chester E. Basford — Excise Tax Collections	14,003.68
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Total Funds Available	\$170,053.17
Total Selectmen's Warrants	159,363.06
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Cash on hand February 11, 1962	\$ 10,690.11



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## Unpaid Tax Liens Held by Treasurer:

### 1960 Tax Liens:

Pauline Dodge	\$	52.50
Laura May Dodge		10.00
George J. Doyle		41.15
Edna Carr or Roger Hodgdon		4.69
Wilfred Fortier		151.88
Merlon Maxwell		10.00

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Total Unpaid Tax Liens Held by Treasurer      \$    270.22

(These Liens expire during Dec. 1962)

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER E. BASFORD, *Treasurer*

## *Tax Collector's Report*

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Amount of Commitment for 1961	\$73,651.29
Plus Supplemental Taxes	63.00
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	\$73,714.29
Amount of Taxes Collected, Paid to Treasurer	\$69,995.98
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Balance 1961 Taxes Uncollected Feb. 10, 1962	\$ 3,718.31*

\* *As listed*

Adams, Arthur L.	\$ 10.20
Adams, Leon N.	38.70
†Averill, Roger P.	36.72
Barnes, Donald	8.10
Bibber, Chester	5.10
Blanchard, Alonzo	5.17
Bolster, Freeland	5.10
Brillard, Roland and Madeline	79.50
Brown, Kermit C.	15.30
Brown, Nina	47.00
Buker, Harold	14.92
Campbell, Percy	8.10
Clark, Catherine	5.10
Cram, John	8.10
Cuthbertson, Lawrence	8.10
†Dickey, Paul	3.00
Dodge, Charles	8.10



Dodge, Florence	30.60
Dodge, Laura May	30.60
Dodge, Pauline E.	10.20
Dodge, Rueben	15.30
Dow, Norman	5.10
Dudley, Kenneth R.	36.24
†Fernald, Evon A.	622.65
Fortier, Wilfred	196.35
Foster, Kenneth A.	33.60
French, Florence	8.15
Gilley, Mahlon	3.00
Gilley, Dorothy	35.70
Giroux, Leland, Jr.	33.60
Gogan, Donald and Diane	23.40
Goodwin, Robert	23.40
Harrison, John E. and Anna	33.60
Hood, Vernal, Jr.	35.70
Hodgdon, Roger and Verna	17.85
Lachance, Arthur	309.57
Littlefield, Millard	19.38
Littlefield, Wilbur K.	1.03
Lord, Clyde	2.26
McLeod, George W. and Olive	117.30
Maxwell, Merlon	18.30
Morey, Ronald E. and Jacqueline	59.10
Otis, Ernest and Marie	38.70
Poulin, Louis P.	10.20
Ramsay, William	8.10
Richards, Hester	24.17
Richards, D. Ivan	3.00
Richards, D. Ivan, Jr.	3.00
Richards, Kenneth	3.00
†Rock, Frank J.	3.00
†Rogers, Wilson	8.10
Rowe, Edmund	3.59
Rowe, Everett O.	63.75
Smith, Walter	45.90
Spencer, Arthur	8.10
Spencer, Arthur Jr.	5.10
Spencer, Fred	5.10
Thomas, Frank E. and Joyce	8.10

Thayer, Ira W. and Shirlie or Vinal Gerry	80.90
Thompson, Orlando	179.01
Towne, Roy V.	186.60
Tillinghast, George and Elizabeth	115.20
Tyler, Archie	3.00
Tyler, Clarence	3.00
Tyler, Ernest	8.10
†Wade, Neil and Mary L. or Leonard Holmes	227.40
Walker, Ada	5.10
Wilson, Sophie	5.10
Wood, Lawson and Edna	38.70
Wood, Walter Verle	66.30
Wolfe, Donn and Phyllis	66.30
NON-RESIDENT	
†Blethen, Annie Elizabeth	40.80
†Brown, Robert O.	.10
†Caron, Lionel and Rita	20.40
Church, Francis Keene	.20
Doyle, George J., Jr.	127.50
French, Roy F.	15.30
Killam, Fred G.	66.30
†Killam, David and Ervin Martin	25.50
†Martin, Ervin W.	51.00
Mower, Doris M.	45.90
Moore, Damon	10.20
Vigue, Louis G.	15.30
Vigue, Philip P. and Lottie M.	45.90
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<i>Total of 1961 Uncollected Taxes</i>	<i>\$ 3,718.31</i>

†These taxes were paid after books closed Feb. 10, 1962

#### REPORT OF TAXES AND TAX LIENS FOR 1960, 1959, 1958 AND 1957

Balance of 1960 Taxes, Feb. 11, 1961	\$ 3,089.74
Plus Supplemental 1960 Taxes Collected	60.00
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	\$ 3,149.74



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Amount Collected, paid Treasurer	\$ 2,776.71
Tax Liens Placed	270.22*
Tax Liens Paid to Treasurer	102.81
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	\$ 3,149.74

*\* As listed*

Dodge, Pauline	\$ 52.50
Dodge, Laura May	10.00
Doyle, George J.	41.15
Carr, Edna or Roger Hodgdon	4.69
Fortier, Wilfred	151.88
Maxwell, Merlon	10.00
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	\$ 270.22

Balance of 1959 Taxes, Feb. 11, 1961	\$ .55
Amount Collected, paid Treasurer	.55

Balance of 1957 Taxes, Feb. 11, 1961	\$ 4.70
Amount Collected, paid Treasurer	4.70

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER E. BASFORD, *Tax Collector*

## *Selectmen's Report*

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To the Citizens of Benton — It is with pleasure that we submit to you our annual report for the year ending February 10, 1962:

### *Taxes —*

You will note on the summary sheet found elsewhere in this report that we have a Net Gain for this year of \$9,483.88, which, added to the unexpended surplus from last year of \$2,984.84, now gives us a surplus of \$12,468.72. If we had not taken money from this account last year our tax rate would have been around 117 mills instead of the 102 mills, thus this surplus account which we have been able to build up each year has played an important part in the tax rate.

This year we are facing a tremendous rise in school costs. We have been informed by our Superintendent of Schools that Fairfield is going up to \$400.00 per student for tuition, making it necessary to ask for an appropriation of \$61,312; an increase of \$14,155.00 over last year. We raised \$40,157.00 last year, with an additional \$7,000.00 being taken from surplus, making a total of \$47,157.00. If we take \$7,000.00 from surplus again this year, for this account, we will still have an increase of about 20 mills.

*Fire Ramp — Benton Proper —*

The Fire Ramp at Benton Proper has been put back into usable condition. When the State Aid road was built they had to remove a stone wall. We made arrangements with the Highway Commission to have about 1,200 yards of the stone hauled to this location, at a cost of \$406.07, and we then covered this with gravel. This area is now large enough for two fire trucks to pump at the same time.

*Poor Account —*

Again this year we have been able to hold this account very small compared to some of the previous years. We showed a balance of \$750.60 this past year and so are asking \$500.00 less to maintain this account this next year. Using figures from the town records for a 6 year comparison, the amount spent for poor from Feb. 20, 1949 to Feb. 20, 1955 was \$31,018.83; the amount spent from Feb. 20, 1956 to Feb. 10th, 1962 was \$12,475.20. This has been a saving to the tax payers of \$18,543.63.

*Sewerage —*

We would like to call your attention to the sewerage problem that exists in the Benton Station area. Most everyone who is acquainted with this part of town knows that some very unhealthy conditions exist. The last Legislature passed laws which will make it mandatory for these conditions to be corrected, and made funds available to the town for such a purpose.

The following is a list of rules that will affect this area. These are taken from the Revised Statutes of 1954, Chapter 79, as amended, effective September 16, 1961:

- a. Preliminary plans and engineer's estimates shall be completed and submitted to the Water Improvement Commission on or before Oct. 1, 1964.
- b. Arrangements for administration and financing shall be completed on or before October 1, 1968. This period,



in the case of Municipalities, shall encompass all financing including obtaining of State and Federal grants.

- c. Detailed engineering and final plan formulation shall be completed on or before October 1, 1969.
- d. Review of final plans with the Water Improvement Commission shall be completed, and construction commenced on or before October 1, 1970.
- e. Construction shall be completed on or before October 1, 1976.

We believe that as soon after town meeting as possible, the town should apply for these funds and make arrangements for a survey, while this State and Federal money is available.

#### *Government Surplus Foods —*

You will note under the surplus food account that we had an overdraft of \$147.34. When we set this account up last year we did not realize that the number of commodities we would receive would be doubled from 6 to 12. The freight bill last year was \$276.93 compared to \$447.34 this year. It will be necessary to buy some kind of refrigeration to keep butter, cheese and lard this coming year; therefore we are asking for extra money to handle the cost of this program.

Below you will find a list of commodities distributed this past year:

Butter	1,334 pounds @	.69	\$ 920.46
Dried Egg	648 cans @	.50	324.00
Dried Milk	5,341½ pounds @	.20	1,068.20
Lard	1,661 pounds @	.20	332.20
Corn Meal	2,590 pounds @	.17	440.30
Flour	6,670 pounds @	.08	533.60
Rice	1,502 pounds @	.20	300.40
Dried Beans	1,596 pounds @	.24	383.04
Pork	1,152 cans @	1.00	1,152.00
Rolled oats	1,152 pounds @	.15	172.80

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Peanut butter	461 pounds @	40	184.40
Chopped meat	596 cans @	1.10	655.60
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			\$6,467.00

In closing may we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many citizens and other officers, who have helped us to make this past year successful.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. KENT, JR.

SAMUEL H. HUNTER

HAROLD E. LIBBY

*Selectmen of Benton*

## VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR 1961

Real Estate, Resident	\$350,305.00	
Real Estate, Non-resident	232,150.00	
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Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 91,595.00	
Personal Estate, Non-resident	37,845.00	
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GRAND TOTAL VALUATION		\$711,895.00

Tax Rate .102 mills

## PROPERTY TAX:

\$711,895.00 x .102	\$ 72,613.29
POLLS taxed: 346 x \$3.00	1,038.00
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TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$ 73,651.29
<i>(charged to Collector)</i>	

## TAXABLE REAL ESTATE:

Value of land	\$149,457.00	
Value of Buildings	432,998.00	
	<hr/>	\$582,455.00

## TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Neat Cattle: Bulls, Cows, Beef, Etc.	1409	\$ 51,725.00
Domestic Fowl (over 50 in no.)		20.00
Broilers		15,705.00
Commercial Layers		1,350.00
Other livestock: Horses, Sheep, Swine, etc.		840.00
Stock in Trade		9,550.00
Portable Mills		500.00
Gasoline Pumps & Attachments		2,000.00
Television Sets		17,800.00
Machinery and Equipment		27,050.00



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House Trailers	2,300.00
Other Property	600.00
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	\$129,440.00

NON-TAXABLE CATTLE (under 18 months) \$ 9,605.00

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY of Veterans,  
their widows and minor children, and  
Others exempt by law. \$ 19,015.00

## *Appropriations*

As voted at Annual Meeting, March 11, 1961

*Art.*

*No.*

10	Town Officers	\$ 3,600.00
12	Memorial Day	50.00
13	Care of Cemeteries	800.00
15	Street Lights	1,510.00
16	Incidental Expenses	1,000.00
17	Hydrant Rental & Fire Protection	5,660.00
19	Public Health Nurse	200.00
20	Maine Publicity Bureau	50.00
21	Dump Site (Clinton)	250.00
24	Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00
25	Poor Relief	2,000.00
27	Sidewalk — Benton Station	300.00
28	School Bonded Debt	5,000.00
30	Schools	40,157.00
31	School Maintenance and Insurance	1,120.00
32	Bonded Roof for School Building	2,300.00
38	State Aid Road Construction	1,200.00
39	Highways and Bushes	2,500.00
40	Culvert — Richards Road	500.00
49	Moderator	10.00
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		\$70,707.00
County Tax		1,969.50
Overlay in assessing		974.79
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Total 1961 Tax Committment		\$73,651.29

Voted to *take from SURPLUS*:

14	Workman's Compensation	<i>amount needed</i>
16	Incidental Expenses	<i>amount needed</i>
18	Fire Ramp — Benton Proper	<i>amount needed</i>
22	Shade Trees	<i>amount needed</i>
23	Surplus Foods	\$ 300.00
30	Schools	7,000.00
37	Repair of Bridges	<i>not over</i> 100.00
39	Highways and Bushes	500.00
41	Tarring	1,500.00
44	Civil Defense	<i>amount needed</i>

Voted to *take from EXCISE*:

42	Interest payments	<i>amount needed</i>
42	Collector's Excise commission	<i>amount needed</i>
43	Snow Removal and Sanding	<i>amount needed, holding a \$7,500 ceiling</i>

Approved by,

DOROTHY HUNTER, *Town Clerk*



## TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Amount appropriated	\$ 3,600.00
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*Expenses:*

Charles Kent, Jr., <i>1st Selectman</i>	\$ 850.00
Samuel Hunter, <i>2nd Selectman</i>	250.00
Harold Libby, <i>3rd Selectman</i>	250.00
C. Frank Stewart, <i>Health Officer</i>	25.00
C. Frank Stewart, <i>Constable</i>	30.20
Maurice Rowe, <i>Road Commissioner</i>	500.00
Ethelyn Lord, <i>Ballot clerk</i>	21.00
Mildred Fernald, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	21.00
Angelia Roundy, <i>Ballot clerk</i>	21.00
Berdice Rogers, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	11.00
Genevieve Carter, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	10.00
Sherwin Colson, <i>Constable</i>	18.20
Dorothy Hunter, <i>Clerk</i>	200.00
Dorothy Hunter, <i>Registrar</i>	50.00
Chester Basford, <i>Collector</i>	1,300.00
Kelsey Robinson, ( <i>Bal. to Mar. 11, '61</i> )	22.50

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Total Expended	\$ 3,579.90
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Balance, Unexpended	\$ 20.10
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## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Amount appropriated	\$ 1,000.00
From State, Bank Stock tax	441.24
From State, R.R. and Tel. tax	25.22
From State, Dog license refund	12.57
Re-imbursements	20.00
From Junk yard applications	12.00
Interest and Costs, on taxes and liens	175.42
<i>Taken from Surplus, as voted</i>	447.14

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Total available	\$ 2,133.59
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*Expenses:*

Arthur Peters, <i>postal expenses</i>	\$	73.66
Hutchins Bros, <i>supplies</i>		24.21
Marks Printing House, <i>supplies</i>		134.85
W. W. Berry Co., <i>supplies</i>		12.43
Roy Bros., <i>express charges</i>		1.65
Loring, Short & Harmon, <i>supplies</i>		1.34
Registry of Deeds, <i>transfers, liens, etc.</i>		39.40
Central Maine Power Co., <i>town hall</i>		23.99
Burgess & Lawry, <i>bonds</i>		55.00
Waterville Sentinel, <i>assessors notices</i>		90.45
Ralph Atkins, <i>rental</i>		15.00
Lester Jolivitz, <i>legal services</i>		10.00
State Department of Audit, <i>1960 audit</i>		195.36
Maine Municipal Association, <i>dues</i>		100.00
Depositors Trust Co., <i>safety box</i>		4.40
Clarence Basford, <i>repair work</i>		8.36
Branham Publishing Co., <i>excise books</i>		7.00
Chamberlain Ins. Agency, <i>town bldgs.</i>		70.60
Dr. Ovid Pomerleau, <i>welfare case</i>		10.00
Dr. Edgar Smith, <i>welfare case</i>		10.00
Kelsey Robinson, <i>mileage</i>		9.60
Fairfield Pub. Co., <i>reports, etc.</i>		603.50
Chester Basford, <i>lien placements</i>		8.00
Federal Trust Co., <i>trust fees</i>		10.00
Federal Trust Co., <i>supplies, charges</i>		9.88
LaVerdiere's, <i>health clinic supplies</i>		33.32
New Eng. Tel. & Tel., <i>toll calls</i>		34.57
C. Frank Stewart, <i>travel expense</i>		8.60
Dorothy Hunter, <i>clerk expenses</i>		15.00
Harold Libby, <i>mileage</i>		25.00
Samuel Hunter, <i>mileage</i>		43.19
Charles Kent, Jr., <i>mileage</i>		149.10
Charles Kent, Jr., <i>convention expenses</i>		33.00
Charles Kent, Jr., <i>postal expenses</i>		7.63
Marguerite Basford, <i>bookkeeping</i>		250.00
City Job Print, <i>election supplies</i>		5.50
Total expended		\$ 2,133.59

## STREET LIGHTS

Amount appropriated	\$ 1,510.00
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*Expenses:* (Central Maine Power Co.) :

Street Lights	\$ 1,378.93	
Blinker light	96.28	
Blinker light repairs	39.96	
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Total expended		1,515.17
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Amount Overdrawn	\$	5.17

## HYDRANT RENTAL AND FIRE PROTECTION

Amount appropriated	\$ 5,660.00
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*Expenses:*

Kennebec Water District	\$ 1,092.00	
Town of Fairfield	4,000.00	
Lyndon Abbott, <i>watchman</i>	14.38	
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Total expended		5,106.38
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Balance, Unexpended	\$	553.62

## FIRE RAMP AT BENTON PROPER

Amount, <i>taken from Surplus</i> , as voted	\$ 756.32
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*Expenses:*

Harvey Walker, <i>labor</i>	\$ 33.75	
G. E. Spencer, <i>material and equip.</i>	316.50	
Transf'd to St. Aid Const., <i>rock fill</i>	406.07	
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Total expended	\$	756.32



WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION: *paid to Herman Brown Insurance Agency \$183.79, full amount taken from Surplus, as voted.*

CIVIL DEFENSE: *no expense this year.*

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: total appropriation of \$200.00 was *paid to State Department of Health and Welfare for local services.*

DUMP SITE PRIVILEGE: total appropriation of \$250.00 was *paid to Town of Clinton.*

#### HIGHWAYS AND BUSHES

Amount appropriated	\$ 2,500.00
<i>Taken from Surplus, as voted</i>	500.00
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Total available	3,000.00

#### *Expenses:*

George Abbott, <i>labor</i>	\$ 5.24
Bancroft & Martin Co., <i>culverts</i>	204.73
Arthur Brown, <i>labor, equip.</i>	11.73
Herman Brown, Agency, <i>insurance</i>	56.62
C. C. Church, <i>equip.</i>	56.00
Delbert Crosby, <i>gravel</i>	4.30
Alton Dixon, <i>labor</i>	22.50
Byron Dodge, <i>labor</i>	39.80
John Dodge, <i>labor</i>	47.66
Lawrence Dodge, <i>labor</i>	4.37
D. B. Donnelly, <i>supplies</i>	12.42
Howard P. Fairfield, <i>repair parts</i>	45.00
Fernald's Farm Service, <i>repairs</i>	32.00
Kenneth Foster, <i>labor</i>	3.19
Leland Giroux, <i>labor</i>	8.75

Martell Gordon, <i>labor</i>	3.27	
Alfred Grenier, <i>labor</i>	24.38	
Herbert Johnson, <i>labor</i>	3.75	
Libby's Variety Store, <i>grader gas</i>	91.70	
Clyde Lord, <i>labor</i>	21.43	
Ila Monk, <i>grader gas</i>	3.04	
Merlon Paul, <i>labor, equip., gravel</i>	184.27	
Aubert Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	21.30	
David Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	199.86	
Maurice M. Rowe, <i>labor, grader</i>	520.79	
Maurice M. Rowe, <i>mileage</i>	158. 10	
Maurice O. Rowe, <i>labor</i>	11.13	
Flora Stewart, <i>grader gas</i>	12.90	
James Shores, <i>labor, equip.</i>	30.24	
Wilson Shores, <i>labor, equip.</i>	98.83	
W. Shurtleff Co., <i>cal chloride</i>	220.10	
Gerald Spencer, <i>labor, equip., gravel</i>	242.61	
Henry Thompson, <i>labor</i>	22.50	
Tire Mart, Inc., <i>tires</i>	270.00	
Harvey Walker, <i>labor</i>	3.28	
Warren Bros., Co., <i>cold patch</i>	84.00	
Verle Wood, <i>labor</i>	3.75	
Withee Tree Exp., <i>spraying bushes</i>	170.38	
Total expended		* 2,955.92
Balance, Unexpended		44.08
*Grader: Operator	\$ 503.29	
Repairs, supplies	463.19	
Insurance	56.62	
.General labor	443.77	
All other: equip., materials, etc.	1,489.05	
		\$ 2,955.92*

## SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

Received from State	\$ 2,005.90
Taken from Excise, as voted	5,494.10
Total available	7,500.00

*Expenses:*

A. Bearings Service, <i>repair parts</i>	\$ 10.44
Arthur Brown, <i>labor, equip.</i>	50.83
Herman Brown Agency, <i>insurance</i>	56.63
Harold Buker, <i>labor</i>	162.95
Joseph Buzzell, <i>labor, equip.</i>	234.30
Robert Buzzell, <i>contract</i>	2,000.00
Robert Buzzell, <i>labor, equip.</i>	231.77
Robert Costain, <i>repairs</i>	76.00
D. B. Donnelly, <i>supplies</i>	9.16
Kenneth Dudley, <i>labor</i>	26.88
Robert Dudley, <i>labor</i>	75.97
E. S. Farmers Ex., <i>supplies</i>	5.34
Howard Fairfield, <i>repair parts</i>	190.00
Farrar-Brown Co., <i>repair parts</i>	16.64
Bertell Germon, <i>labor</i>	224.04
Leland Giroux, <i>labor</i>	1.31
Martell Gordon, <i>labor</i>	14.41
Alfred Grenier, <i>labor</i>	11.49
Herbert Johnson, <i>labor</i>	279.22
Charles Kent, Jr., <i>labor</i>	14.41
Bryant Kent, <i>labor, repairs</i>	26.00
Libbys Variety Store, <i>supplies</i>	12.64
Lindley Littlefield, <i>labor</i>	15.21
Millard Littlefield, <i>labor</i>	80.00
Clyde Lord, <i>labor</i>	94.40
Merlon Paul, <i>labor, equip., sand</i>	743.29
James Rancourt, <i>labor</i>	11.14
David Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	570.91
Merton Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	207.00
Edmund Rowe, <i>labor</i>	32.71
Everett Rowe, <i>labor</i>	17.50
Maurice Rowe, <i>mileage</i>	105.05
Maurice Rowe, <i>labor, equip.</i>	6.00
Wilson Shores, <i>labor, equip.</i>	182.25
James Shores, <i>labor, equip.</i>	225.35
W. Shurtleff Co., <i>salt</i>	774.30
Gerald Spencer, <i>labor, equip.</i>	348.19
St. Highway Comm., <i>State roads</i>	521.60
Vincent Thibodeau, <i>labor</i>	1.25

Harvey Walker, <i>labor</i>	72.61	
Waterville Hdwe. Co., <i>supplies</i>	2.00	
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Total expended		*\$ 7,741.19
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Amount Overdrawn		\$ 241.19
* <i>Sanding</i>	\$ 3,896.21	
<i>Snow Removal</i>	3,323.38	
<i>State Road Maintenance</i>	521.60	
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	\$ 7,741.19*	

## STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Amount appropriated	\$ 1,200.00
<i>Received from State</i>	2,420.22
<i>Credit from State</i>	406.07
<i>Transferred from Fire Ramp acc.</i>	406.07
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Total available	\$ 4,432.36

*Expenses:*

Bancroft & Martin, <i>culverts</i>	\$ 106.00	
Alton Dixon, <i>labor</i>	23.75	
L. L. Gerald & Son, <i>materials</i>	25.05	
Herbert Johnson, <i>labor</i>	88.75	
Edmund Lessard, <i>labor, equip.</i>	712.50	
Henry McKenney, <i>foreman</i>	250.75	
Frank Morris, <i>assist. foreman</i>	28.80	
Merlon Paul, <i>labor, equip., gravel</i>	220.80	
John Pelotte, <i>labor, equip.</i>	120.00	
Norbert Poulliot, <i>labor, equip.</i>	267.50	
David Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	138.25	
Gerald Spencer, <i>labor, equip.</i>	1,731.00	
State Highway Comm., <i>refund</i>	200.00	
Kempton Toby, <i>labor, equip.</i>	240.00	
State Highway Comm., <i>tarring</i>	406.07	
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Total expended		4,559.22
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Amount Overdrawn		\$ 126.86



## TOWN OF BENTON

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## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Bal. available from State '60	\$ 118.15
Available from State 1961	2,076.20
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Total available	2,194.35

*Expenses:*

George Abbott, labor, equip.	\$ 82.11
Bancroft & Martin, culverts	375.75
C. C. Church, equip.	28.00
Delbert Crosby, gravel	150.50
John Dodge, labor	86.46
Alfred Grenier, labor	10.48
Merlon Paul, labor, equip.	6.42
Aubert Richards, labor, equip.	82.11
David Richards, labor, equip.	6.42
James Shores, labor, equip.	75.81
Wilson Shores, labor, equip.	70.38
Gerald Spencer, labor, equip.	793.37
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Total expended	1,767.81
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Bal. still Available (from State)	\$ 426.54

## TARRING

Taken from Surplus, as voted	\$ 1,500.00
Paid: State Highway Commission	1,398.79
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Balance, Unexpended	\$ 101.21

## REPAIR OF BRIDGES

Taken from Surplus, as voted	\$ 49.94
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*Expenses:*

C. N. Chalmers, <i>material</i>	\$	32.24
Harold Keay, <i>material</i>		1.50
David Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>		14.20
Maurice Rowe, <i>mileage</i>		2.00
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Total expended	\$	49.94

## CULVERT ON RICHARDS ROAD

Amount appropriated \$ 500.00

*Expenses:*

George Abbott, <i>labor, equip.</i>	\$	3.91
Bancroft & Martin, <i>materials</i>		221.77
Delbert Crosby, <i>gravel</i>		3.50
John Dodge, <i>labor</i>		11.79
Libbys Variety Store, <i>supplies</i>		.40
Merlon Paul, <i>labor, equip.</i>		7.22
Aubert Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>		3.91
Maurice Rowe, <i>mileage</i>		5.00
Maurice Rowe, <i>grader</i>		3.10
James Shores, <i>labor, equip.</i>		3.61
Wilson Shores, <i>labor, equip.</i>		3.91
Gerald Spencer, <i>equip.</i>		38.40
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Total Expended		306.52
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Balance, Unexpended	\$	193.48

## TOWN POOR

Amount appropriated \$ 2,000.00

*Expenses: 13 cases:*

No. 1	Trues Drug Store	\$	113.49
	Boyles Nursing Home		33.00

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	Dr. Fenwick	16.00	
	Lawry Bros. Co.	30.00	
No. 2	Trues Drug Store	89.90	
	Dr. Harold Kent	8.00	
	Lane Bryant Co.	38.75	
	Dexter's Drug Store	2.92	
No. 3.	Dr. R. H. Moody	64.00	
	Dr. John Thurlow	16.00	
	Cecile White	3.00	
No. 4.	Town of Winslow	18.97	
No. 5.	Town of Burnham	362.36	
No. 6.	Libbys Store	15.00	
	Peters Store	15.00	
No. 7.	Town of Fairfield	165.82	
No. 8.	Champagnes Esso Station	95.20	
No. 9.	Libbys Store	40.39	
	Dexters Drug Store	28.00	
No. 10.	Peters Store	10.00	
No. 11.	Dr. Harvey Bourassa	27.00	
	LaVerdiere's Drug Store	29.60	
No. 12.	Town of Fairfield	12.00	
No. 13.	Aviation Oil Co.	15.00	
	Total expended	1,249.40	
	Balance, Unexpended	\$ 750.60	

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## STATE POOR

Total amount expended on 5 cases	\$ 809.25
<i>Re-imbursments</i> , to Feb. 10th	576.38
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Balance due, from State	\$ 232.87
an <i>Account Receivable</i>	

## POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Total expended, on 6 cases:	\$ 654.13
<i>Re-imbursments</i> , to Feb. 10th	558.21
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Balance due	\$ 95.92
an <i>Account Receivable</i>	

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Amount appropriated	\$ 2,500.00
<i>Expended on 11 cases:</i>	
Thru State Dept. of Health & Welfare	1,792.08
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Balance, Unexpended	\$ 707.92

## SURPLUS FOOD

<i>Taken from Surplus</i> , as voted	\$ 300.00
<i>Paid: Fox &amp; Ginn, Inc., express charges</i>	447.34
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Amount Overdrawn	\$ 147.34

## CARE OF CEMETERIES

Amount appropriated	\$ 800.00
<i>Interest drawn from Trust funds</i>	225.50
<i>Interest drawn from Smiley fund</i>	45.00
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Total available	1,070.50



*Expenses:*

C. N. Chalmers, <i>materials</i>	\$	2.40
D. B. Donnelly, <i>materials, equip.</i>		9.79
Fairfield Pub. Co., <i>supplies</i>		7.15
Fernalds Service, <i>repairs, equip.</i>		30.05
Kenneth Foster, <i>labor</i>		2.50
Galusha's Garage, <i>equip., repairs</i>		11.85
Leland Giroux, <i>labor</i>		98.88
Alfred Grenier, <i>labor</i>		131.88
C. D. Hamlin, <i>equip., repairs</i>		1.75
Libbys Store, <i>supplies</i>		15.79
Everett Rowe, <i>labor</i>		30.00
Maurice Rowe, <i>labor</i>		214.73
Maurice O. Rowe, <i>labor</i>		95.97
Harvey Walker, <i>labor</i>		336.32
Arthur Wellington, <i>labor</i>		140.22
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Total expended		1,129.28
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Amount Overdrawn	\$	58.78

MEMORIAL DAY: appropriation of \$50.00 *paid to* Lawrence High School Band, and Fairfield American Legion, \$25 each.

MODERATOR: appropriation of \$10.00 *paid to* William Ramsay, for his services at last Annual Meeting, March 11, 1961.

SHADE TREES: *no expense this year.*

MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU: appropriation of \$50.00 *paid to* that organization.

TAX ABATEMENTS amounted to \$78.63, *a loss.*

TEMPORARY LOANS: amounting to \$25,000.00 were hired of Federal Trust Co., and *repaid in full* by Dec. 1st.

SCHOOL BONDED DEBT, Feb. 10, 1961 *was* \$35,000.00  
*Reduced by Appropriation:*

Payment <i>thru</i> Federal Trust Co.	5,000.00
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Balance, Feb. 10, 1962 \$30,000.00

COUNTY TAX of \$1,969.50 *paid to* Treasurer Kennebec County.

SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES amounted to \$123.00, *a gain*.

INTEREST PAYMENTS *totaled* \$1,671.87 with full amount *taken from Excise*, as voted.

#### TEACHERS WITH-HOLDING TAXES

Balance carried, Feb. 10, 1961 <i>was</i>	\$ 464.56
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<i>Deductions from wages this year</i>	3,744.30
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4,208.86

*Payments to Internal Revenue Service,*  
*thru December 30, 1961*

3,721.46

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Balance carried, Feb. 10, 1962 \$ 487.40

EXCISE TAX RECEIPTS amounted to \$14,003.68

*Taken from this, as voted, for:*

Snow Removal & Sanding	\$ 5,494.10
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Interest on School bonds	1,218.75
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Interest on Temp. loans	453.12
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Collector's commission	268.25	
Total expended		7,434.22
Balance, Unexpended		\$ 6,569.46

## UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Amount of Surplus, Feb. 10, 1961 *was* \$13,689.03

*Decreased, as voted, for:*

Highways and Bushes	\$ 500.00	
Tarring	1,500.00	
Surplus foods	300.00	
Schools	7,000.00	
Fire Ramp	756.32	
Workman's Compensation	183.79	
Repair of Bridges	49.94	
Incidental Expenses	447.14	
Total decrease		10,737.19
		2,951.84

*Increased by:*

NET GAIN for the year, as found		
in Gain or Loss Summary (page 34)		9,483.88
SURPLUS, Feb. 10, 1962		\$12,435.72

# Summary of Expense Accounts - Showing Net Gain or Loss

Year Ended February 10, 1961

	Brought Forward	1961 Appropriations	Other Receipts or Transfers	Available	Totals Expended	Lapsed Balances Losses & Overdrafts	Gains & Unexp. Balances
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>							
Officers Salaries		\$ 3,600.00		\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,579.90		\$ 20.10
Incidental Expense Moderator		1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	2,133.59	2,133.59		
		10.00		10.00	10.00		
<b>PROTECTION:</b>							
Street Lights		1,510.00		1,510.00	1,515.17	\$ 5.17	
Hydrants and Fire Protection		5,660.00		5,660.00	5,106.38		553.62
Fire Ramp at Benton Proper			756.32	756.32	756.32		
Workman's Compensation			183.79	183.79	183.79		
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION:</b>							
Public Health Nurse		200.00		200.00	200.00		
Dump Site Priviledge		250.00		250.00	250.00		
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:</b>							
Town Ways and Bushes		2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00	2,955.92		44.08
Snow Removal and Sanding			7,500.00	7,500.00	7,741.19	241.19	
State Aid Road Construction		1,200.00	3,232.36	4,432.36	4,559.22	126.86	
Town Road Improvement			1,767.81	1,767.81	1,767.81		
Tarring			1,500.00	1,500.00	1,398.79		101.21
Repair of Bridges			49.94	49.94	49.94		
Culvert, Richard's Road		500.00		500.00	306.52		193.48



# TOWN OF BENTON

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CHARITIES:					
Poor Relief	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,249.40	750.60
Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,792.08	707.92
Surplus Foods		300.00	300.00	447.34	147.34
EDUCATION:					
Schools	40,157.00	40,559.55	81,952.40	79,868.09	(F'w'd)
Schools Maint. and Instruction	1,120.00	84.97	1,204.97	1,231.38	26.41
Schools Bonded Roof	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,470.00	170.00
CEMETERIES: Care of	800.00	270.50	1,070.50	1,129.28	58.78
INTEREST: Paid out		1,671.87	1,671.87	1,671.87	
BONDED DEBT:	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:					
County Tax	1,969.50		1,969.50	1,969.50	
Overlay	974.79		974.79		974.79
UNCLASSIFIED:					
Memorial Day	50.00		50.00	50.00	
Shade Trees					
Maine Publicity Bureau	50.00		50.00	50.00	
Tax Abatements				78.63	78.63
Supplemental Taxes		123.00	123.00		123.00
Excise Taxes		14,003.68	14,003.68	7,434.22	6,569.46
Sidewalk	300.00		300.00		300.00
Civil Defense					
	<u>\$73,651.29</u>			<u>\$ 854.38</u>	<u>\$10,338.26</u>
					<u>854.38</u>
NET GAIN this year, added to SURPLUS \$ 9,483.88					

## *Comparative Financial Report*

Year ending February 10, 1961

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Cash on hand, in Treasury	\$12,070.72	
Uncollected Tax, 1960	3,089.74	
Uncollected Tax, 1959	.55	
Uncollected Tax, 1957	4.70	
Tax Liens, 1959	113.50	
Tax Liens, 1958	26.79	
Tax Liens, 1957	26.79	
Accounts Receivable:		
State poor	26.65	
Other Towns poor	30.00	
Deferred Charge: New School	35,000.00	
Cemetery Trust Funds, & Reserve	8,384.22	\$ 8,384.22
School Account, Balance		1,235.85
Teachers With-holding Taxes		464.56
School Bonded Debt		35,000.00
Unappropriated Surplus		13,689.03
	\$58,773.66	\$58,773.66

## *Comparative Financial Report*

Year ending February 10, 1962

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	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Cash on hand, in Treasury	\$10,690.11	
Uncollected Tax, 1961	3,718.31	
Tax Liens, 1961	270.22	
Accounts Receivable:		
State poor	232.87	
Other Towns poor	95.92	
Deferred Charge: New School	30,000.00	
Cemetery Trust Funds, & Reserve	8,619.17	\$ 8,619.17
School Account, Balance		2,084.31
Teachers With-holding Taxes		487.40
School Bonded Debt		30,000.00
Unappropriated Surplus		12,435.72
	\$53,626.60	\$53,626.60

## *Cemetery Trust Funds*

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Name of Fund	Original Fund	2-10-62 Principal	Interest Withdrawn
Rowe, William E.	\$ 200.00	\$ 242.96	\$ 6.00
Robinson, Hiram	50.00	60.20	1.50
Ames Lot	50.00	50.24	1.50
Bailey, William	100.00	101.47	3.00
Brown, George	100.00	104.61	3.00
Brown, Harriet	100.00	107.44	3.00
Crowell, Elizabeth	200.00	206.72	6.00
Dodge, H. W. and G. W.	100.00	104.40	3.00
Foss, Cyrus	100.00	104.27	3.00
Fowler, John D.	100.00	103.24	3.00
Hanscom, Mrs. David	100.00	103.98	3.00
Kreger, Jennie Flood	200.00	216.11	6.00
Moore, Augustus	100.00	101.36	3.00
Piper, Clark	350.00	371.12	8.00
Flagg & Lunt Lots	200.00	201.55	6.00
Reed, Isaac	100.00	102.44	3.00
Reed, David	100.00	112.54	3.00
Richardson, Lydia Heald and Dean	100.00	101.36	3.00
Spencer, Charles and Alberta	100.00	101.36	3.00
Holt, Sprague	200.00	212.00	6.00
Gray, Sumner	200.00	205.71	6.00
Tarbell, G. F.	100.00	102.15	3.00
Skillin, Annie C.	150.00	158.31	4.00
Hosford, John	200.00	214.88	6.00
Crosby, Charles F.	100.00	103.80	3.00
Seavey, Charles	200.00	257.24	6.00
Richardson, A. H.	200.00	206.22	6.00
Paul, Roswell N.	200.00	213.21	6.00
Flagg, Stillman	200.00	213.21	6.00
Denico, Bert and Annie	100.00	105.42	3.00
Wort, Joseph	150.00	162.72	4.00
Paul, William	100.00	102.78	3.00
Sawyer, Fred	100.00	119.70	3.00
Spencer, Timothy	200.00	217.20	4.00
Piper, Henry and Abigale	200.00	207.77	6.00
Reed, John and Elizabeth	300.00	329.47	6.00
Pollard, James P.	100.00	113.81	3.00



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Mason, Abraham and Amos	100.00	101.90	3.00
Shorey, George A.	100.00	100.75	3.00
Brown, Jacob and Laura	200.00	202.67	6.00
Piper, Joseph and Erastus	300.00	311.27	8.00
Piper, Charles and Oscar	300.00	311.27	8.00
Swett-Knowlton Lot	300.00	316.77	8.00
Richards, Ernest G.	200.00	207.68	6.00
Abbott, Scruton & Marshall	200.00	205.98	6.00
Fernald, Charles	100.00	100.02	3.00
Faas, John and Ethel	200.00	207.51	4.00
Seeley, Ralph and Eva	200.00	207.23	4.00
Bunker, Charles W.	200.00	202.91	6.00
Crosby, James	100.00	100.22	3.00
Black, Herman	200.00	200.00	2.50
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	\$8,150.00	\$8,619.15	\$225.50

New Funds During 1961	\$ 200.00
Interest Withdrawn	225.50
Interest Earned for Year 1961	260.47

## *Report of Cemetery Committee*

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All cemeteries in Benton were raked and cleaned up in the early spring. Regular mowing has kept the grounds looking well during the summer.

Two new mowers have been purchased and eleven gallons of white paint was bought for use on the fences at the Brown and Reed cemeteries.

Thirty six yards of fill has been used at the Falls and Brown Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MARTIN, *Chairman*

## *School Department Report*

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### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Samuel Hunter, Chairman	Term Expires March 1962
Nancy Fitton	Term Expires March 1963
Stephen Beauregard	Term Expires March 1964

### ADMINISTRATION

O. J. Guptill, Jr., B.S.Ed., M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools

C. Frank Stewart	Russell Bridges, D.O.
Attendance Officer	School Physician

### FACULTY

#### BENTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Merle E. Golding, A.B., Th.B. Eastern	Principal
Carroll J. Plourde, B.S. U. of Maine	Language Arts and Math.
Victoria F. Goodwin W.S.T.C.	Soc. Studies and Science
Doris Kent F.S.T.C.	Health and Physical Education
Evelyn V. Libbey M.T.S.	Grade 1
Iva J. Murray F.S.T.C.	Grade 4
Flora J. Page F.N.S., Mass.	Grade 3
Glenda Timoney, B.S. G.S.T.C.	Grade 5
Dorothy E. Burgoyne, B.S., M.Ed. N.C.M.	Grade 2
	Grade 6
	Music

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 1962 - 1963

Winter term, first half, began January 2, 1962, closed February 16, 1962.

Winter term, second half, begins February 26, 1962, closes April 13, 1962.

Spring term begins April 24, 1962, closes June 15, 1962.

Fall term begins September 5, 1962, closes December 19, 1962.

Winter term, first half, begins January 2, 1963, closes February 15, 1963.

Winter term, second half, begins February 25, 1963, closes April 12, 1963.

Spring term begins April 23, 1963, closes June 14, 1963.

### ENROLLMENT TABLE OF BENTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 31, 1962

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	24	23	14	18	10	14	15	14	132
Girls	8	13	12	21	15	17	12	16	114
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Totals	32	36	26	39	25	31	27	30	246

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of Benton and the Superintending School Committee:

I submit my financial statement and the report of the Superintendent of Schools.



All members of the faculty returned this fall with the result that there have been no changes in the staff of the Benton Elementary School for a period of two years. It is only through the efforts of good teachers returning to a school system for several years, that the foundation of a good educational program can be laid.

Through the efforts of Mr. Basford, and a gift from Mr. Gerald Spencer, a slide and two teeter boards were added to the playground equipment in the school yard. If something new can be added each year, we will soon have many fine units available to the children of all ages during school hours as well as at times when school is not in session.

The newly organized Benton V.F.W. post has installed a flood light from a pole near the school building which makes possible night skating on Mr. Hunter's pond.

At the present time, there are thirty-nine pupils enrolled in grade 4. This class is too large to be handled by one teacher. Some consideration should be given toward finding assistance, not only for the sake of the teacher, but for the good of the boys and girls. With a building filled to capacity, this becomes a very difficult thing to do. Some thought could be given to the work of a "teaching aide" or, a teacher employed to do remedial work with the boys and girls in all the grades.

I wish to call your attention to the lack of supplementary books to be used with the basal texts for children who require more than the average amount of practice. More reference books are needed every year if the better pupils are to be adequately supplied. If we were to approach the average amount spent for these purposes, our expenditures would be doubled.

Carl O. Beck and Sons was secured to install the new roof at the school. A four ply fibre glass roof with a fourteen pound top coating was used. All of the flashing around the building was replaced with aluminum.

It was discovered that there were only two drains on the western end of the building, when the snow melted. Additional spouts have been installed. These empty on the pavement around the building, since no sewerage was available. So far they have done the job rather well, although there are times when the wind blows some water back against the building.

Plans should be made to plant some shrubs near the front of the building, and to take steps to prevent cars from parking on the grass strip left for decoration. Such improvement would do much to give an attractive appearance to the school.

Tuition charges continue to increase. Approximately twelve students will graduate from high school in June and there will be more than thirty eligible to enter high school in September.

In past years tuition charges have been figured on the previous year's expense giving the town paying tuition a lag of one year on the cost experienced by the town accepting tuition pupils. The last session of the legislature made the expenditures of the current year of operation the basis of tuition charges. It is estimated that the state average cost of tuition will be in excess of \$425 for the present school year, and will increase at a normal rate for the fall semester.

The salary increase given our teachers for 1961-1962 was about average for the state. This should be continued if we are to be in a competitive position for 1962-1963. It is important that good teachers be hired and that they be retained. While salary is one important factor in retaining good teachers, secondly and equally important is the matter of appreciation on the part of the community. Teachers need encouragement for the things which they do well, understanding when they make mistakes and freedom from criticism for things of little consequence.

Your teachers serve you faithfully, conscientiously and well. I wish to extend to them, and the Superintending

School Committee, my thanks for their assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. J. GUPTILL,  
*Superintendent of Schools*

### SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COSTS 1961 - 1962 GENERAL EDUCATION

#### *Resources:*

Balance on Hand Feb. 10, 1961	\$ 1,235.85	
Appropriation 1961	47,157.00	
*State Subsidy 1961	33,287.00	
State Wards	253.55	
Other Sources	19.00	
Total Resources		\$81,952.40
* Includes \$150 for Profesional Credits		

#### *Expenditures:*

##### Administration —

Superintendent of Schools	\$ 1,615.59
School Committee	75.00
Supplies	47.65

##### Instruction —

Teachers Salaries	29,876.12
Handicapped Children	121.38
Textbooks and Teaching Supplies	1,200.63
Other Expenses	30.03

##### Health Services —

Salaries	50.00
Other Expenses	4.80

## Conveyance —

Contracted Services	11,500.00
Insurance	281.63

## Operation of Plant —

Salaries	1,824.00
Contracted Services	210.00
Heat	1,377.66
Utilities	602.70
Supplies	213.62
Other Expenses	24.55

## Outgoing Transfer Accounts —

Tuition	30,612.73
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## Teachers Professional Credits — 200.00

Less: Expenditures 1961	<u>\$79,868.09</u>
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Balance February 10, 1962	<u>\$ 2,084.31</u>
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### MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT AND INSURANCE

*Resources:*

Appropriation 1961	\$ 1,120.00
Refund on Insurance	84.97
Total Resources	<u>\$ 1,204.97</u>

*Expenditures:*

## Maintenance of Plant —

Contracted Services	\$ 625.37
Other Expenses	232.99



## Fixed Charges —

Insurance	373.02
Less: Expenditures 1961	<u>\$ 1,231.38</u>
Overdraft February 10, 1962	<u>\$ 26.41</u>

## BONDED ROOF

Appropriation 1961	\$ 2,300.00
Less: Expenditures	<u>2,470.00</u>
Overdraft February 10, 1962	<u>\$ 170.00</u>

Itemized expenditures on Teachers Salaries, Janitor's Salary and Cost of Conveyance for Fiscal Year:

*Teachers:*

Merle E. Golden	\$ 3,937.50
Victoria Goodwin	3,591.71
Doris Kent	3,248.34
Evelyn V. Libbey	3,341.58
Iva J. Murray	3,341.58
Flora J. Page	3,341.58
Carroll J. Plourde	3,837.50
Glenda J. Timoney	3,837.50
Town of Fairfield (Music)	892.83
Alice Ladd	104.00
Harriett Price	48.00
Marie Woodbrey	96.00
Elaine Snow	12.00
John Choate, Sr.	6.00
Herbert Reid	36.00
Edna Gordon	156.00
Shirley Dancer	48.00
Glenda Timoney (Prof. Credits)	50.00

Carroll J. Plourde (Prof. Credits)	50.00
Flora J. Page (Prof. Credits)	50.00
Evelyn Libbey (Prof. Credits)	50.00

*Janitor:*

Alphonse Cary	\$ 1,824.00
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*Conveyance:*

Cecil Strickland	\$ 3,000.00
Robert Buzzell	4,900.00
Harrold Clifford	3,600.00
Burgess & Lawry Co.	166.08
G. Cecil Goddard, Inc.	115.55

Expenditures other than School Officials, School Physician, Teachers Salaries, Janitor's Salary and Conveyance for 1961-62:

Town of Albion	\$ 3,376.74
Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	3.51
American Book Co.	14.16
Atkins Printing Service	30.00
Jane Basford	30.00
Carl O. Beck & Sons	2,750.60
Bill's Service Station	867.35
Blanchard Associates, Inc.	17.00
The Bobbs-Merrill Co., Inc.	43.76
Robert B. Bryant	19.68
Burgess & Lawry	359.52
California Test Bureau	27.08
Central Maine Power Co.	447.36
Christian Schools, Inc.	165.00
Town of Clinton	159.65
Al Corey Music Center	12.61
D. B. Donnelly's	113.38
D. M. Drew Co.	86.30
A. M. Drummond & Co.	13.50
Eastern Fire Equipment Inc.	137.75

Fairfield Lumber Co.	13.50
Fairfield Publishing Co.	21.05
Fairfield School Department	23.63
Town of Fairfield	25,595.91
Fernald's Farm Service	3.00
Fox & Ginn, Inc.	27.93
Ginn & Co.	192.34
Good Will Home Association	588.40
Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.	81.93
Armand N. Houle	165.51
Informative Classroom Picture Pub.	12.70
Kinney Duplicator, Co., Inc.	16.00
Ladd Paper Co.	23.80
Laidlaw Bros.	22.13
LaVerdiere's Drug Store	4.80
Lawry Brothers Co.	17.75
Libby's Variety Store	6.20
J. B. Lippincott Co.	30.19
Loring, Short & Harmon	18.00
Mainco School Supply Co.	6.60
Henry Mathieu	88.38
M. Joseph McDonough, Jr.	33.00
Mt. Merici Academy	530.83
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	155.34
Northern Supply Co.	173.32
Peters Gas & Oil ervice	530.96
L. E. Prue	20.55
A. B. Rider & Associates	16.44
Rollins-Dunham Co.	17.58
Scott, Foresman & Co.	472.52
Silver Burdett Co.	89.07
Myron J. Smith	10.00
Lionel Vigue	200.00
City of Waterville	196.20
Waterville Hdw. & Plumb. Supply Co.	56.56
World Book Co.	10.06

## BENTON TUITION AT LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Fiscal Year 1961-1962

Raymond Baker		\$154.73
Joyce Basford		154.73
Marie Beauregard		154.73
Estelle Boucher		154.73
James Bowman		154.73
Laura Butler		154.73
Bentley Crosby		154.73
Rita Crosby		154.73
Joyce Engler		154.73
David Kent		154.73
Theresa King		154.73
Joseph Mitchell		154.73
Nancy Pillsbury		154.73
Patricia Richards		154.73
Charles Richardson		154.73
Patricia Sitnik		154.73
Henry Thompson		154.73
Bonnie Tyler		154.73
Allen Clifford	36 wks.	309.47
Larry Baker		317.73
Richard Bellows		317.73
William Berry		317.73
Sophronia Bibber		154.73
Leslie Bickford		317.73
Donald Carter		317.73
Alton Dixon		317.73
Ronald Greenwood		154.73
Robert Hilyard		317.73
Leroy Lander	9 wks	81.50
Ailee nMcLeod		317.73
Gail McDonald	22 wks. 1 da.	192.76
John Sitnik		317.73
Ferridon Webber	12 wks.	103.15
Tonja Webber		317.73
Meredith Wiggin		317.73
Albert Althenn		317.73
Diane Baker		317.73



## TOWN OF BENTON

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William Bosford		317.73
Joyce Beane		317.73
Betty Beauregard		317.73
William Besey		317.73
Brainard Caverly		305.04
Diane Crosby		317.73
Barbara Dodge	6 wks. 2 da.	55.75
Stuart Engler		317.73
Nancy Goodspeed	6 wks.	51.58
Claire Geidel		317.73
James Morse		154.73
Ralph Pillsbury, Jr.		317.73
Barbara Pottle		317.73
Joseph R. Poulin	5 wks. 2 da.	46.42
Gary Richards		317.73
Laurel Richardson		317.73
Jeannine Roy		317.73
Nancy Williams		317.73
Beverly Alexander		317.73
Harold Bickford		317.73
David Bowen		163.00
Evelyn Butler		317.73
Wyone Carter		317.73
Brian Cates		317.73
Claire Clifford	23 wks.	205.98
Linda Dixon		317.73
Clara Giroux		317.73
Cora Giroux		317.73
Eleanor Kent		317.73
Jacqueline LaGrange		317.73
David Lee		317.73
Daniel Libby		317.73
Bernard Linnell	34 wks.	300.54
James Linnell	34 wks. 3 da.	305.69
Wayne Morse		317.73
Bruce McLeod		317.73
Daniel McPhail		317.73
Dianna Richards	26 wks.	231.77
Robert Spaulding		317.73
John Tarbell		317.73
Hazel Alexander		163.00

Ronald Althenn		163.00
Michael Blair		163.00
Jean Bowman		163.00
Terry Brackett		163.00
Virginia Brown		163.00
Raymond Cairnie		163.00
Dwayne Campbell		163.00
Donald Colson		163.00
Fred Eames		317.73
Deanna Gallant		163.00
William Geidel		163.00
George Gogan		163.00
Judith Green		163.00
Sharon Hunter		163.00
Thomas Ireland		163.00
Robert Lord		163.00
James Lee	22 wks.	190.95
Deborah Mitchell		163.00
Marie Otis		163.00
Georgia Phillips		163.00
Richard Pillsbury		163.00
Rita Poulin		317.73
Evelyn Quimby	5 wks.	45.28
Dawna Ramsay		163.00
James Rancourt	24 wks.	209.06
Lawson Richards		163.00
Brian Richardson		163.00
Jon Rogers		163.00
Nancy Smith		163.00
Lynn Stevens		317.73
Gordon Strout		163.00
John E. Vigue *		317.73
Linda Wade		163.00
Ramona Whitten		163.00
Daniel Champine		163.00
Paulette Dodge	8 da.	14.49
Malcolm Spencer	3 wks. 1 da.	28.98
Raymond Achorn		163.00

\* — State Ward

BENTON TUITION PAID OTHER SCHOOLS  
FISCAL YEAR 1961 - 1962

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Amt. Paid</i>
Alan Buker	Albion	\$ 329.68
Gerald Buker	Albion	177.58
Marjorie Buker	Albion	210.62
Lawrence Lee	Albion	177.58
Marion Littlefield	Albion	210.62
Merle Oliver	Albion	177.58
Larry Oliver	Albion	329.68
Norman Richards	Albion	388.20
Diane Robinson	Albion	388.20
Gary Robinson	Albion	388.20
Maxine Robinson	Albion	388.20
Mary Rowe	Albion	128.70
Jackrena Harrison	Albion	81.90
James Flye	Christian Schools, Glen Cove	165.00
Paul Trask	Clinton	159.65
Jane Berry	Good Will	187.45
Thomas Martin	Good Will	187.45
James Morse	Good Will	213.50
Donna Bodman	Mt. Merici	106.17
Ida Letourneau	Mt. Merici	212.33
Elizabeth Letourneau	Mt. Merici	212.33
Leroy Landers	Waterville	196.20

## *Public Health Nursing*

IN THE TOWN OF BENTON  
FOR THE YEAR 1961

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The general purpose of public health nursing is to help people and the community as a whole to achieve and maintain optimal health. Your public health nurse carries out this purpose by giving preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative services to individuals and families in their homes; through health services in schools; and through organized community programs for prevention of illness and promotion of health.

Following is a brief summary of public health nursing services in your community during 1961.

Home visits have been made to all age groups on a health supervision and demonstrative basis.

A total of 8 Child Health Conferences have been held in the Clinic room of the local elementary school. Physical examinations and immunizations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, and smallpox, were given to infants and pre-school children.

During January a polio clinic was held at the school with good participation.

Individual hearing tests were done in the school with the



Bel-Tone audiometer. This audiometer was donated by the Fairfield Kiwanis Club to be used in Fairfield and Benton. This is a most worthwhile contribution and very much appreciated.

The program of school physical examinations in selected grades was repeated again this year. An active school health record is kept on each student.

Plans for your town in 1962 will include continuing Child Health Conferences, audiometer testing, school physicals, and a school immunization clinic.

Your Public Health Nurse wishes to express her sincere thanks to local volunteers who give so generously of their time and services in helping with the programs.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. MORTON,  
*Public Health Nurse*

## *Health Officer's Report*

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I investigated one case of stream pollution by the dumping of dead fowl. I conferred with Judge Poulin also Assistant County Attorney, neither of them knew the law covering this matter. I went to Augusta, consulted Dr. Campbell of the State Health Department, who gave me copies of the law and advised me how to proceed in the matter. I had the party served a notice to clean up the said fowl which he did in the prescribed time.

I investigated two complaints of sewerage disposal and consulted Dr. Campbell on them but took no action on them.

I had three case of mumps reported to me.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FRANK STEWART,  
*Health Officer, Town of Benton*

## *Auditor's Report*

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STATE OF MAINE  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT  
AUGUSTA

April 28, 1961

Board of Selectmen  
Benton,  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 90-A, Revised Statutes of 1954, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Benton for the fiscal year ended February 10, 1961.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to governmental accounting and was conducted by Auditor C. G. Hawes of the State Department of Audit.

The audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included such tests of the accounting record and other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

The financial and statistical sections, incorporated in this report, present the results of the Town's financial operations for the period indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL A. NAPOLITANO, *State Auditor*

## C O M M E N T S

## TOWN OF BENTON

FEBRUARY 11, 1960 TO FEBRUARY 10, 1961

An audit of the financial records of the Town of Benton has been completed for the fiscal year ended February 10, 1961. The audit consisted of an examination of the records maintained by the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector and other municipal officials.

The fiscal year's operations showed that the net unexpended departmental balance lapsed amounted to \$8,759.65, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:	
Unexpended Balances	\$8,984.39
Overdrafts	224.74
Net Unexpended Balance	<u>\$8,759.65</u>

The unappropriated balance of excise tax, the overlay and balances in the charity accounts were the major factors contributing to the amount lapsed to surplus.

The following comments pertain to the accompanying financial statements and to the scope of audit.

**ASSETS . . . . .** The general fund cash balance of \$12,070.72 was on deposit in the Federal Trust Company, Waterville, Maine at February 10, 1961.

Accounts receivable of \$56.65 represented reimburseable expenditures made for state and other municipality welfare cases.

Taxes receivable totaling \$3,094.99 consisted principally of unpaid current year accounts of \$3,089.74. The remaining balance of \$5.25 contained uncollected taxes on the 1957 and 1959 assessments.

Tax liens amounted to \$167.08 at the close of the year.

**LIABILITIES . . . . .** Withholding tax deductions of \$464.56 were due the Internal Revenue Service at February 10, 1961.

**RESERVES . . . . .** The appropriation accounts showed an unexpended balance of \$1,235.85, representing the educational account carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with legal requirements and/or customary practice.

**SURPLUS . . . . .** The unappropriated surplus amounted to \$13,689.03, an increase of \$4,024.38 for the year. The change was occasioned principally by the net unexpended departmental balance lapsed, less authorized appropriations for various activities.

**DEBT FUND . . . . .** The debt fund, incorporated in the balance sheet as a separate fund, reflects the outstanding school construction bonds of \$35,000.00, which are to be retired in the ensuing seven years with interest at 3¾%.

**TRUST FUNDS . . . . .** The total amount of trust fund principals was



\$7,950.00 and unexpended income amounted to \$434.20. These funds were on deposit in the Federal Trust Company and Waterville Savings Bank, Waterville, Maine.

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS . . . . The departmental operating accounts showed an increase of \$999.40 in funds raised by taxation. A larger appropriation for education accounts and a smaller highway appropriation were the major factors responsible for the increase.

The departmental balance carried forward to the ensuing year decreased \$846.63, as compared with the balance at the start of the year. The decrease occurred in the educational account.

GENERAL . . . . The townspeople authorized appropriations from surplus and the use of excise tax revenue for various operating purposes.

### SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern.

The cash accounts were verified by reconciliation of statements furnished by the depository or by direct confirmation. Verifications were utilized, on a test basis, to determine the correctness of recorded assets.

An analysis was made of receipts and deposits as well as expenditures and negotiated checks. Vouchers, payrolls and canceled checks were examined for a selected period.

Excise tax collections were verified with the copies of receipts retained by the collector. Education account balances were checked with a report of the Superintendent of Schools. Surety bond coverage was reviewed.

In our opinion, subject to the foregoing comments, the accompanying statements and supporting information present fairly the financial position of the town at February 10, 1961, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

## EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF BENTON  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

## GENERAL FUND

## ASSETS

	FEBRUARY 10, 1961	FEBRUARY 10, 1960
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$12,070.72	" \$ 9,523.59
Accounts Receivable	56.65	8.10
Taxes Receivable	3,094.99	2,389.36
Tax Liens	167.08	156.98
TOTAL	<u>\$15,389.44</u>	<u>\$12,078.03</u>

## DEBT FUND

## ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Debt		
From Future Revenue	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00

## TRUST FUNDS

## ASSETS

Time Deposits	\$ 8,384.20	\$ 8,247.28
TOTAL	<u>\$ 8,384.20</u>	<u>\$ 8,247.28</u>

TOWN OF BENTON  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

	FEBRUARY 10, 1961	FEBRUARY 10, 1960
Liabilities:		
Withholding Taxes	\$ 464.56	\$ 330.90
Reserves:		
Departmental Balances Carried (Exhibit D)	1,235.85	2,082.48
Surplus:		
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	13,689.03	9,664.65
TOTAL	<u>\$15,389.44</u>	<u>\$12,078.03</u>

DEBT FUND

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	<u>\$35,000.00</u>	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
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TRUST FUNDS

LIABILITIES

Principals	\$ 7,950.44	\$ 7,850.00
Unexpended Income	434.20	397.28
TOTAL	<u>\$ 8,384.20</u>	<u>\$ 8,247.28</u>

## Town Warrant

*all articles the same  
under a notice made* \_\_\_\_\_

To Sherwin Colson, a Constable of the town of Benton,  
in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine, Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said town of Benton, qualified by law to vote in the town affairs, to meet at the Grange hall in said town on the tenth day of March A.D. 1962, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all town officers to be elected by written ballot as directed in Section 38 to 52 inclusive, of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, together with acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, provisions of which were adopted by vote of the town, Article 8, at the regular town meeting held at Benton Grange hall on the 9th day of March A.D. 1936.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the voters of the town will



authorize the selectmen in behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property .

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the voters of the town will vote to charge interest on taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date; also to set a date and rate of interest.

Budget Committee recommends: Dec. 1st and 5%.

ARTICLE 5. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the Collector and Treasurer for his services as town officer for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,300.00, plus 25c per Excise.

ARTICLE 6. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the Selectmen for their services for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$850.00 for 1st, \$250.00 each for 2nd and 3rd, plus 10c per mile car expense.

ARTICLE 7. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the Road Commissioner for his services as town officer for the ensuing year.

*same as state makes article 14*  
Budget Committee recommends: \$500.00, plus 10c per mile car expense.

ARTICLE 8. To see what salary the voters of the town

will vote to pay the Town Clerk for her services as Clerk and Registrar for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$250.00

ARTICLE 9. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the Superintending School Committee for their services for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$25.00 each.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the inhabitants of the town of Benton would lease the old school house in Benton Station, (land and buildings,) to the Benton Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 2197 for a 99 year lease at a dollar a year, with the option to buy and that it would be operated as a dry Post.

Budget Committee recommends: Leave to action of town meeting.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the town officers for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$3,650.00.

3100.00

ARTICLE 12. To see what rate of wages the voters of the town will vote to pay for labor performed on the highways and bridges, by men, trucks, and equipment for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: Same as the State.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the voters of

the town will vote to raise and appropriate to honor the graves of all war veterans buried in the town of Benton.

Budget Committee recommends: \$25.00 to American

*raised 00. V F W to who can get.*

Legion, and \$25.00 to the Lawrence High School Band.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for the care of cemeteries; under the direction of the Cemetery Committee.

Budget Committee recommends: \$800.00.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate under the Workman's Compensation Act.

Budget Committee recommends: Amount needed be taken from Surplus.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the voters of the town will vote for the installation of three new street lights: One near the residence of Leo Poulin on the Kennebec River Road; One at the corner of Railroad and School Streets; and One on the Old Neck Road between the New School and Lawrence Street.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,575.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,000.00, with any additional amount needed to be taken from surplus.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the voters of the town will authorize the selectmen to negotiate with the Kennebec Water District to install fire hydrants, at every 1000 feet, when the new water line is installed on lower Benton Avenue.


Budget Committee recommends: Yes. ..

ARTICLE 20. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,660.00 to pay for hydrant rental at Benton Station, and for fire protection for the ensuing year.

*James R. Monte ... to be taken from Surplus tax.*  
Budget Committee recommends: \$5,660.00

*\$1,5910.00*

ARTICLE 21. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to keep the fire ramp at Benton Proper maintained in useable condition; any expense to be taken from surplus.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes. 

ARTICLE 22. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for public health nursing in Benton. Said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local services.

Budget Committee recommends: \$200.00.



ARTICLE 23. To see whether or not the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau, to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages, and attractions of the State of Maine, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

*Pass over*  
Budget Committee recommends: Leave to action of town meeting.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to hire and maintain the dump site in Clinton for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$350.00

ARTICLE 25. To see if the voters of the town will authorize the selectmen to hire the shade threes in Benton sprayed or pruned for the control of disease, should a check by a tree expert show it to be advisable; the cost to be taken from the surplus account.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the handling of the surplus food program for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$700.00, to be taken from surplus.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$2,500.00.

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of poor for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,500.00, with any additional amount needed to be taken from surplus.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for payment of the school bonds due in 1962.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum of money for common schools, high school tuition, transportation, industrial and physical education, text books, administration costs, and supplies, for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$61,312.00.

*54,312.00  
7,000 from surplus.*

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school maintenance and insurance, for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,120.00

ARTICLE 32. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the superintending school committee to appoint a school physician for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the voters of the town will

vote to instruct the superintending school committee to itemize its expenditures in the Annual Town report.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum of money to be expended for control of White Pine Blister in the town of Benton.

Budget Committee recommends: Pass over article.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum of money to be expended for control of Dutch Elm Disease in the town of Benton.

Budget Committee recommends: Pass over article.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the voters of the town will vote to give the selectmen authority to negotiate from The Community Facilities Administration, a planning loan as provided by Section 702 of Public Law 560, of the 83rd Congress; for the purpose of conducting a sewerage survey.

Budget Committee recommends: Selectmen be authorized to go ahead with the sewerage survey.

ARTICLE 37. To see what action the voters of the town will take in regard to widening the lower end of Miller Street; and providing funds for same.

Budget Committee recommends: Amount needed be taken from highway account.

ARTICLE 38. To see what action the voters of the

town wish to take in regard to replacing the culvert between the Palmer and Scott residences on the old electric car track road.

Budget Committee recommends: Leave to action of town meeting.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairing bridges for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: Not over \$100.00, to be taken from surplus.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, R.S. 1944, as amended.

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,200.00.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairing the town highways, the school-bus turn-arounds, the school driveways, grader repairs and insurance, and cutting bushes for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$2,500.00, with an additional \$500.00 to be taken from surplus.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to be expended for tarring in the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,500.00, to be taken from surplus.



ARTICLE 43. To see if the voters of the town will vote to pay the interest on any temporary loans, the interest on the school bonds, and the Collector's excise commission, from the Excise tax receipts for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the voters of the town will vote to pay the town's portion of the expense of snow removal and sanding, including school-bus turn-arounds, school driveways, equipment repairs, and tractor-plow insurance, from Excise tax receipts for the ensuing year; also to set a ceiling on this account for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes, with a ceiling of \$7,500.00

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil defense, for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends: Amount needed to be taken from surplus.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the voters of the town will vote to recommend that as much of the state road improvement money as allowable be expended on the Belsqueeze road, so-called; and that the balance be expended on the Clinton road, so-called, from the four-corners westerly to the Kenneth Dudley residence, in 1962.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the voters of the town will vote to accept the trust fund presented for the perpetual

care of the Herman Black lot, in the Sebasticook Falls cemetery.

Budget Committee recommends: Yes.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Moderator for his services at this meeting.

Budget Committee recommends: \$10.00.

The polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and continue open until 5:00 p.m. when they will close. The business session opens at 10:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar will be available at the Grange Hall on Saturday, March 10th, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., for any revision of the list of voters.

CHARLES C. KENT, JR.

SAMUEL H. HUNTER

HAROLD E. LIBBY

*Selectmen of Benton.*



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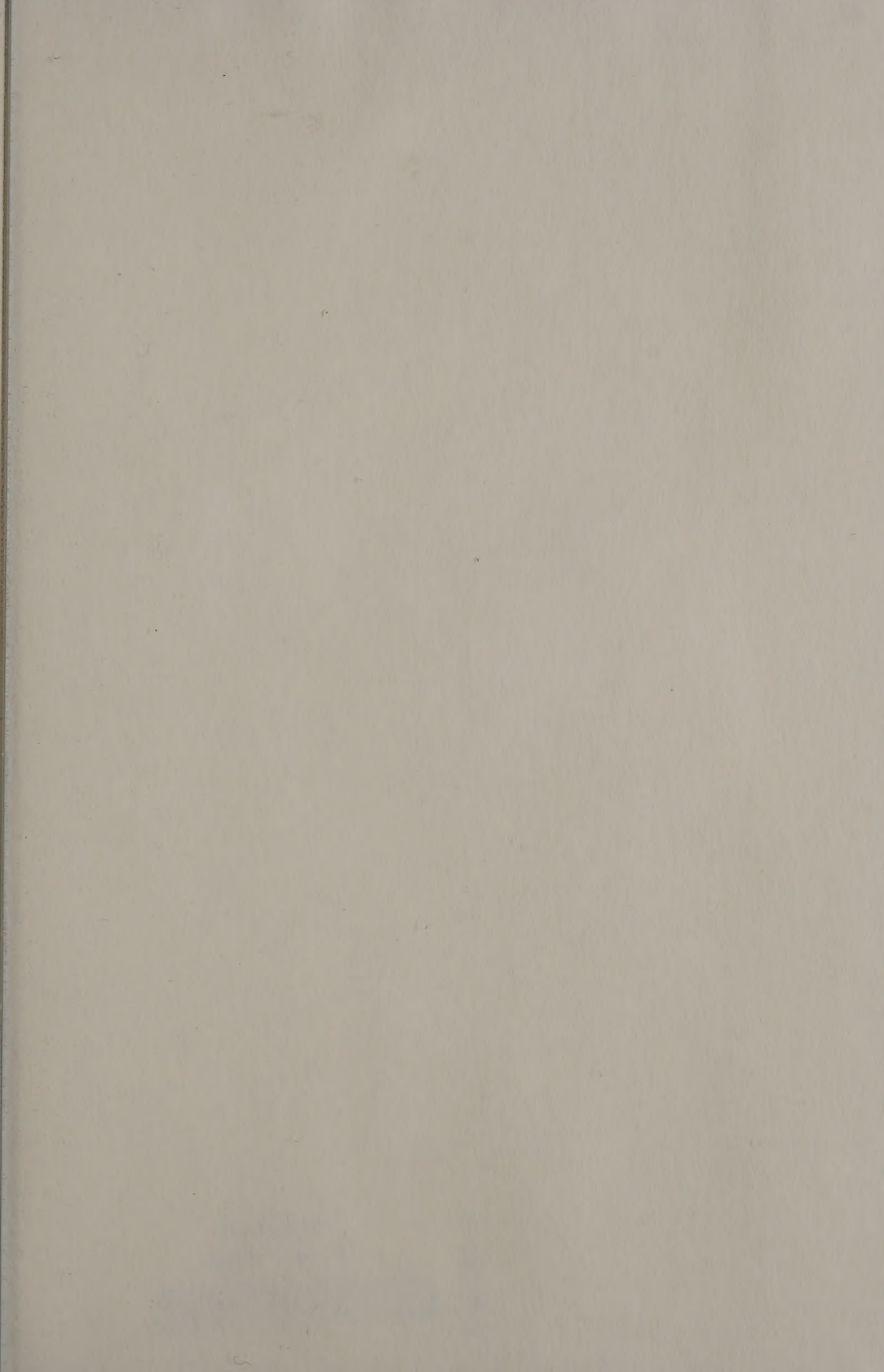
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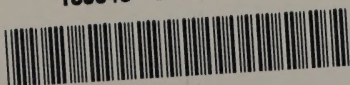
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